

DINKINS And GIULIANI Fight It Out

by Jahmel K. Weary

Every four years our nation is faced with two vital decisions. These decisions are the presidential and mayoral elections. On Tuesday, September 14th of this year, the mayoral primary elections were held. Amongst candidates running for office are former Mayor David Dinkins, and his opponent, Rudolph Giuliani. From September 14th's results, it seems as if Dinkins has a strong chance for re-election with 68.1 of the votes, but some voters chose Giuliani.

Well, who will be the lucky man to run our city? Is this man going to do more to satisfy the city and its people? We will just have to wait and see. The final election, however, takes place on November 2nd. This gives voters ample time and the opportunity to choose who they feel should run our city.

For the past four consecutive years, David Dinkins did an exceptional job handling all city affairs to the best of his capability. Unfortunately, one problem that transpired this year has had a great impact on Dinkins' chance for re-election, and that is, N.Y.C. residents who have children within the public educational system are faulting Dinkins for not doing much about the asbestos problem. But why fault David Dinkins and not the school chancellor? The asbestos case really did come at an important time, right when voters make their selection. This will reflect on Dinkins' performance as mayor, and now voters will seriously begin to ponder how well Mayor Dinkins in fact does his job.

How do you think he did? This is food for thought. Think about it. Encourage everyone this year on November 2nd in your household of age to vote because every vote counts!

Child Abuse In America

by Zannika Wedderburn

About two million children in America are abused. It is hard to give an exact estimation, because many of the cases go unreported. Of these cases, 55.7 percent were neglect, 33 percent were physical abuse, and 11.7 percent were sexual abuse. Child abuse is psychological or physical abuse of a child under one's care.

The causes and effects of child abuse are difficult to comprehend. One way of dealing with the issue is to look at the adult who is caring for the child. The three categories used to classify their behavior are: physical abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse. The age of child abuse tends to be between two years and early adolescence. In other cases, it may begin at a tender age and continue into adult life.

Violent acts or rape are usually committed by males under the age of thirty, while father-daughter relationships tend to involve middle-aged men between thirty and fifty. In most cases, boys are more frequently abused than girls, but this is only true for ages ten or eleven. Girls are more frequently reported abused from ages eleven to seventeen. The abuse usually stems from the parent or guardian's own abuse at a young age.

Most abusers tend to have many problems. First, they most likely have serious needs for support and attention, which remain unfulfilled from their own childhood; they tend to have low self-esteem. Since they never had their needs met, they are unable to meet the needs of their own children. Because of this the parent or guardian becomes emotionally and physically incapable of taking care of his/her own children.

Neglect is defined as inadequate care in the areas of health, nutrition, shelter, education, attention or supervision of the child.

Physical abuse is defined as harmful actions directed against the child, such as bruises, burns, fractures and head injuries, which in most cases require medical attention.

Sexual abuse is defined as sexual intimacy between a child and an adult. A particular form of sexual abuse is incest, in which sexual contact occurs with the child's family members.

The reason this topic was chosen is because my mother is a social worker and because I have a lot of input on the subject. How can people do this to an innocent and helpless child? It is inhuman. Some of these children are just babies. If people could read some of my mother's cases, it would bring tears to their eyes. I thank God each and every day that I'm not in an abusive home, and that my mother loves and cares enough for me that she would never abuse me.

So please, if you know anyone who is being abused, even if that someone is *you*, get help. Don't settle for an abusive home, get out as soon as possible. There are people who can help you. Even though it may be hard to believe, there are people who care about you. Remember, abuse has no class or color, it can happen to anyone.

If you need help, call your local child-abuse hotline: 1 (800) 342-3720.

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Hancock At Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation

by Jeannie Hancock

In June I represented Bishop Ford at a leadership seminar called the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation. It was held at Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. And what a weekend it was!

Throughout the weekend, students from all over New York listened to the several lectures given. Guest speakers from the various fields of government, education, business and the professions addressed us. They spoke of the many challenges we, the future leaders, will have to confront.

Speakers who attended the seminar included Ms. Ruth Messinger (Manhattan Borough President), Ms. Margot Whittemore (Merrill Lynch), Mr. Matt Lauer (WNBC-TV News), Mr. Jim Grey (N.Y. Jets), and many more.

Not only did our weekend include discussions and lectures, but it also offered a dance, barbecues, picnics, and a talent show! I took part in all the activities and I had the time of my life. Although I made many new friends throughout the weekend, it was relieving and refreshing to see that the older generation still cares enough for the youngsters to invest in our future. It was various corporations and businesses that helped to make our weekend a successful one. That's the part I forgot to mention—it was free!

HOBY is not just a weekend adventure, but an adventure that will last a lifetime, if you remain active.

As an alumni member of HOBY, you are invited to numerous educational workshops, and other exciting opportunities are offered.

As a result of my continued participation, I was elected social chairperson of HOBY's Committee. I have the responsibility of setting up fundraisers, organizing reunions for the 91-93 HOBY ambassadors, and basically working on ideas that will help keep past HOBY alumni active.

So I encourage the current sophomores to get an application form from guidance and try out for HOBY as soon as possible, because you'll never forget the experience.

Environment First At Ford

by Keeth Fiocco

The Falcon Environmental Society (FES), headed by Dr. Tony DeFina, met on Monday, September 20.

There isn't much to say about the FES, since it just met, except that it has a total of eleven trips scheduled for the '93-'94 school year.

Some places they will visit are old ones that they visited last year, such as Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and Highrock Conservation Park in Staten Island. But, of course, there are a few new

places they are scheduled to go to, such as the Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Natural History.

FES will have a few guest speakers on various environmental issues.

So, if you love nature and want to preserve it, I urge you to see Dr. DeFina in Room 178 to join the FES. There is no deadline for joining, but the first trip is scheduled for Sept. 28 to Jamaica Bay Wildlife refuge. And remember this: if we don't save our environment, what else is there to save?

Special Kids

by Eva Sadowski

Tina La Ballagia, a senior, worked with mentally retarded children during this past summer, from August 22 to August 28.

Q: Tina, tell me why you decided to work with the mentally retarded children.

A: For the last two years, I was part of Ford's Special Olympics and enjoyed it. So (this year) I decided to go to camp for a week.

Q: Have you been interested in this type of work before?

A: Yes, I worked in the Special Olympics and found it to be a great experience.

Q: Do you plan on making a career in working with this type of child?

A: I'm not sure yet, but I plan to go to camp for as long as I can.

Q: Is there anything you hoped to accomplish?

A: It made me feel very good seeing the kids have so much fun and knowing I was a part of that.

Q: So, tell me about camp. Where is it located?

A: It's in Esopus, New York, and it's about two and one half hours from Brooklyn.

Q: Were the children easy to work with? Did they cause you any trouble?

A: Actually, it was a lot easier than I thought it would be. The kids were so friendly and really loved being at camp with each other.

Q: At the end of camp, how did you feel about yourself and the whole experience?

A: Before I volunteered for this project, I was a bit apprehensive, because I didn't know what I was in for, but now I know that I made the right decision by going there.

Q: Tina, is there anything else you'd like to add?

A: It was one of the best experiences I've ever had.

Varsity Track

by Kimberly Smith

Welcome to another productive year at Bishop Ford. Recently I spoke with one of the boys' varsity track captains. There are two other captains, Steve Jean Baptiste and Larry Medina. There are a total of fourteen members on the JV and varsity teams.

Bruce's goal is to finish as one of the top runners in the city. His regimen is to get a good night's sleep and to eat the right foods. He usually works out daily, running at least seven miles a day. Sometimes the work-out differs.

The interview took place in the weight room, and I ran into some members of the girls' track team. Their team captain, Nicole, was also hard at work.

Last week the varsity team ran in the JFK Sterling Invitational. The team ran against a lot of other schools. Bishop Ford took first place with William Arnold in first place, Bruce Rosado in second place and Larry Medina in third place. They are also planning to go to the Penn State Relays.

So far the track team has started off very well. This year seems like it will, after all, be a good year.

PLO And Israel Shake Hands

by John J. McKenna

On September 6, 1993, three thousand people gathered at the White House in Washington, D.C. to witness a magnificent example of peacemaking. After almost 50 years of fighting, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) agreed to stop the killing. This agreement was made during secret talks held in Oslo, Norway. It was then formalized by signatures made by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Leader Yasir Arafat.

This agreement was a last ditch effort by Arafat to save the ailing PLO. Under his leadership, the PLO made several bad decisions, leaving them bankrupt and with little support from the richer Arab countries. The most recent error in the PLO policies was the support of Iraq during the Persian Gulf War.

Israel's Rabin signed the treaty because he knew it had the potential to stabilize Israel's relations with the Arabs. With this secured, Israel can concentrate on the non-Arab, emerging nuclear power, Iran.

This plan allows for Palestinian autonomy, which is what the PLO has been fighting to achieve all along. There are still extremist groups on both the Israeli and Arab sides that want no part in this new-found peace, and this poses its greatest threat.

Will Clinton's Health Care Plan Cost Too Much?

by Dominic Lazaro

In his September 22nd State of the Union Address, President Clinton melodramatically delivered a vague outline of how he plans to socialize medicine in America at a minimal cost.

The major aim of the President's plan is to make health care affordable and available to every American. With this plan, the benefits of present health care are to be maintained and possibly upgraded. The money that hospitals, insurance companies and others who thrive on paperwork take in will be lessened. Employers will pay the majority (80%) of health care premiums. Until the year 2000, only comprehensive coverage will be available. Full coverage is to be gradually phased in.

To bring attention to the urgency of his plan, President

Clinton predicted doom by declaring, "All of our efforts to strengthen the economy will fail, unless we also take this year, not next year, not five years from now, but this year, bold steps to reform our health care system." The President later stated, "Whatever else we disagree on, before this congress finishes its work next year, you will pass and I will sign the legislation to guarantee security to every American in this country." It would be quite hard to accomplish anything this year, when the budget to accommodate this plan is to be introduced next February. The coupling of these statements signifies the shortcomings of the Clinton plan, which pays too much attention to theatrics and not enough to workability.

The President has led us to believe that thirty-seven mil-

lion Americans are without health care. On the other hand, the Cato Institute of Washington, D.C. has estimated that number to be six million. If the actual number of Americans who are without health care is disputed by such a large amount, the overall success of the President's plan is brought into question.

The most important issue of this plan is its financing. Currently the cost of health care for all Americans would be nine-hundred billion dollars a year. With reforms in the other links of the health care chain (insurance being the main concern), President Clinton calls for a seven-hundred billion dollar, five-year plan, fueled mostly by the revenue of additional taxes placed on alcohol and tobacco. A major risk of President Clinton's plan is that it entrenches the

insurance industry. Through this end it is not entirely possible for the Clinton Health Care Plan to end the increasing cost of health care. If the government believes that they must provide health care, then they should do so in the way that has the least cost. The Single-Payer Health Care System totally bypasses the involvement of the insurance companies. This is a step in the cost effective direction.

On the next day, when he was questioned about the funding difficulties of his plan, President Clinton answered, "All of us have to be prepared to face the consequences if the cost savings don't materialize." The time before the introduction of the budget for this plan in February would be the time for President Clinton to fill in any revenue gaps by a subtly hinted income tax hike

for the materialization of any needed revenue. There is no way the supposed thirty-seven million can be covered at relatively little cost to the taxpayer. No matter how much he says otherwise, the President seems to know this.

The President's plan walks the road to ruin by failing to reckon with reality. The reality of this situation is cost. President Clinton seems to believe that the measures of his 1993 budget deal will reinforce his health care reform. He still believes this, when the same budget plan was used in 1990 to bring the national debt past the three trillion dollar mark. With the same measures adopted again earlier this year, it does not seem that Americans will be able to afford the high cost of living under the measures of the Clinton Health Care Plan.

Keleisha Phillip Visits Africa

by Xavier Cardriche

Over the summer, a student from our school (Keleisha Phillip) visited Africa with her fellow girl scouts. Here is an interview about her visit and her thoughts of Africa.

Q: In what area were you staying in Africa?

A: Nairobi, Kenya.

Q: Did you see any racism of any sort?

A: Yes, at a campsite, there were four white drivers and one black driver. The black man was not allowed to sit or participate in any activities with us because he *had* to work, while the other white drivers were allowed to socialize when they pleased.

Q: Did you visit any historical landmarks? If so, what were they?

A: Yes, I visited Mt. Kilimanjaro, the Equator, and their version of City Hall.

Q: What is your opinion of the Kenyan community?

A: I think the people of Kenya are very cultivated. They follow tradition, they're very friendly, and they like to enrich people about their history.

Q: What motivated you to go to Africa?

A: It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Q: Did you find yourself having misconceptions about Africa? If so, what were they?

A: There are plenty of stereotypes, such as: it is very hot in Africa, there are too many diseases, everywhere you step is a jungle in Africa, etc. . . .

Q: What is the difference between a teenager in the United States and a teenager in Kenya?

A: The teenagers are more intelligent than we are and are already working occupational jobs.

Q: Have you changed in any way after your trip? If so, how?

A: Yes, I became more aware of myself. It seems that I have been given extra knowledge that will guide me in the right direction. I really enjoyed going and being a part of Africa for two weeks.

Since Keleisha accomplished a dream that everyone wants, she feels great and would repeat the trip at any given chance, and wouldn't even mind living there.

IN THE LINE OF FIRE Hits Target

by Christopher Yee

Clint Eastwood's latest film, "In the Line of Fire," is a modern-day western in which the bad guys lose and the good guy rides off into the sunset with the girl.

Eastwood plays good guy Frank Morgan, an aging secret service agent. Like Dirty Harry, Morgan shoots to kill. Unfortunately, unlike Eastwood's most successful movies, these scenes are more hilarious than dramatic.

Sexy and intelligent Loly Raines, Rene Russo's character, plays Morgan's love interest, a female secret service agent in a male-dominated profession.

Hannibal Letter—photocopy Mitch Leary—the bad guy played by John Malkovich—saved the sinking ship. He was exuberant as a former CIA assassin turned sour.

Morgan is an agent torn between his personal feelings and his duties as a government official. He is assigned to investigate a presidential death that turned wild. He meets up with Leary, a mastermind murderer who has a personal interest in Morgan.

First impression may lead one to think that "In the Line of Fire" is a typical "go

ahead-make-my-day" movie. However, Director Wolfgang Petersen's main message seems to be that perhaps this country is no longer worth sacrificing your life for.

The second message is that the government's actions are wrong and contradictory. The same government that taught you to protect taught me to kill," Leary tells Morgan over the phone.

The lighting had splashes of pizzaz, but was filled with basic film-school techniques. When the movie began, Leary was always in the dark, while Morgan the justice seeker was brightly lit.

As the movie progressed, the lighting on Morgan became dimmer because his view of politics became darker. At the same time, Leary's face grew brighter, displaying his determination to accomplish his task.

Aside from not-so-tough-guy Eastwood's role, the somewhat realistic flick is a success. The dialogue, particularly Leary's phone conversation, gave moviegoers a strong understanding of his motives. The plot is well thought out, making this plausible psychological thriller worth its \$8 ticket.

The Fugitive

by Shariyafah Dahmed

Harrison Ford is in this action-thriller as Dr. Kimble, who is falsely accused of murdering his wife. Tommy Lee Jones is the U.S. marshal on his trail. In this film, Harrison Ford is brilliant. He has you at the edge of your seat, wondering what's next. "The Fugitive" is a *must-see* movie.

Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks play two soul mates who haven't met yet. This movie shows that everyday life goes on while the one love is in his or her own world waiting to meet you. This is a very touching and sentimental movie. "Sleepless in Seattle" is a treasured romantic fantasy.

The new television show, "Living Single," stars Erika Alexander, Queen Latifah, Kim Fields, and Kim Coles. This show is an African-American version of Designing Women. The four women are roommates. Alexander plays a lawyer, Fields a vamp, Coles the funny girl and Queen Latifah the editor of a magazine and mother-figure to her roommates. This show is funny and impressive; it airs on Fox Channel 5.

A Perfect TEN For— S.E. Hinton's The Outsiders

by Keeth Fiocco

"The Outsiders" is a book about three brothers whose parents died in an auto accident.

The book focuses on a gang war between the greasers and the Socs.

The Socs are the rich, spoiled kids who get away with anything. They are the kids with fast cars and the wad of money in their pockets.

The Greasers, on the other hand, are the kids who were brought up on the wrong side of the tracks. They are the one's who get blamed for everything that goes wrong in the town.

There are a million plots to this book, such as Darrel (Darry), Soda and Ponyboy's struggle to stay together, the attempt of Ponyboy and Johnny to hide out and stay together after they murdered one of the Socs, and Johnny's struggle for life near the end of the book.

This book grabs your attention and doesn't let go until the very end. On a scale of one to ten, I have to give this book a perfect ten. As I said, this book doesn't let go of your attention until the very end. And maybe some of you, like myself, may be able to relate to this book on a personal level.

Moby Moves

by Vincent Lijoi

This music review is on the newest album from the group MOBY called Move. In this album, Techno takes a step towards mainstream with this first major label release from one of New York's most flavorful underground DJs.

In the first cut of the album, there is a song which many consider not to be Techno at all, but they also say that Moby has always been Techno's great romantic. What's also surprising here are the emotion-drenched chords and an entire track that's almost New Age, with a lot of melody and rhythm to the selections chosen by Moby.

The album is in stores now and is on the Elektra record label.

Rapper Turns Actress In Living Single

by Jahmel Weary

Among all of the newest sitcoms that have appeared on Fox 5 this summer, *Living Single* has become a smashing hit. *Living Single* appears on your screen every Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. The show features four bachelorettes who live in the same apartment. Starring actresses are: Queen Latifah, Kim Coles, Erika Alexander, and Kim Fields.

See it.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Review II

by Vincent Lijoi

This movie review is on *The Fugitive*, starring Harrison Ford. It is a very clever and exiting movie with Harrison Ford playing a Chicago surgeon who is unjustly convicted of murdering his wife. After being convicted, he escapes and attempts to find the real killer, all the while avoiding the efforts of the Deputy U.S. Marshall, played by Tommy Lee Jones.

By the end of this movie, we realize that both men are similar, in that they are united in brains, dedication and superior gamesmanship.

It is a great movie for those who love adventure and excitement, which is definitely what this movie has. The movie is rated PG-13 and is playing at theaters everywhere.